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Laurie Thom, Chairman
Yerington Paiute Tribe
171 Campbell Lane
Yerington, NV 89447

Re: Update on the National Priority List (NPL) and the future remediation efforts of the Anaconda Copper Mine, Lyon County, Nevada.

Dear Chairman Thom:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Carson City District mailed an initial consultation letter to the Yerington Paiute Tribe regarding the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) intention to propose adding the Anaconda Copper Mine site (the Site) to the National Priorities List (NPL) on July 15, 2016. Addition of the Site to the NPL is a means to ensure appropriate funding is available to complete remediation of the Site. Additional work is necessary to resolve human health and environmental hazards associated with the Site, including elevated levels of arsenic and uranium in soil and groundwater. This letter provides an update on the ongoing process to list the Site to the NPL.

Activities involved in listing the Site to the NPL and for future remediation efforts require multiple agencies to participate, in part, because the Site is located on both private lands and BLM-managed lands. EPA, BLM, and Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) (the Agencies) have worked together successfully to begin to address several Operable Units (OU) at the Site already. EPA is the lead agency under CERCLA, taking action in consultation with NDEP and BLM. EPA is also working with the potentially responsible party to effectuate remediation at Operable Units 1 through 7. Additional work is proposed at the former Arimetco portion of the Anaconda Copper Mine known as Operable Unit 8 (OU-8), where BLM manages a portion of the affected land.

The Agencies have developed a proposed plan (Plan) for implementing remedial actions at OU-8. The Plan describes the remedial alternatives that the Agencies are considering, and identifies the preferred alternative for implementation. The Plan also explains how the public can participate in this decision, including where to find more information and the date and location

of a public hearing. The Agencies will accept public comments for thirty (30) days from November 21 to December 21.

For more information about the Site and the proposed NPL listing, visit the EPA's website (<https://www.epa.gov/superfund/current-npl-updates-new-proposed-npl-sites-and-new-npl-sites>).

The Agencies expect the listing of the Site to occur next March 2017. Native American consultation will be an on-going process. Should you wish to discuss or should you have any questions about the three-party MOU or the letter of concurrence, please contact me directly at (775) 885-6151.

Sincerely,

Ralph Thomas
District Manager
Carson City District Office

Enclosures: Proposed Plan for Operable Unit 8

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